

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claim 8 will remain pending in the above-identified application and stand ready for further action on the merits.

The amendment made herein to claim 8 does not incorporate new matter into the application as filed inasmuch as amended claim 8 finds full 35 USC § 112, first paragraph support in Example 1 of the specification (see page 10 of the specification).

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103

Claims 8, 10, 12 and 15 have been rejected under the provisions of 35 USC § 103(a) over US 5,318,798 in view of JP 61033122 A and JP 11060504 for the reasons set forth in the previous office action.

Claims 9, 11, 13, 14, 16 and 17 have been rejected under the provisions of 35 USC § 103(a) over US 5,318,798 in view of JP 61033122 A and JP 11060504 for the reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 8, 10, 12 and 15 above, and further in view of JP 56152416 A.

Reconsideration and withdraw of each of the above rejections is respectfully requested based on the amendment made herein to claim 8 and the cancellation of claims 9-17 made herein, and the following considerations.

In the outstanding office action at page 3, lines 7-8, the Examiner states:

"... However, a claim with the same limitations set forth in Example 1 would be considered to be allowable."

Accordingly, based upon the amendment of claim 8 herein to be in complete agreement with the embodiment of Example 1 of the specification, it is submitted that pending claim 8 is now in proper form for issuance in a United States patent.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the amendments and remarks presented herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance clearly indicating pending claim 8 is allowed and patentable under the provisions of Title 35 of the United States Code.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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